Capital Accounts of the Kodayar Works.

87. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : With reference to the reply given to question No. 70 [81] asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd Makaram, 1100, about crediting the capital account of the Kodayar Project with the difference between the sums realised by the sale of tanks at concessional rates to members of depressed classes and the sum realisable by their sale in auction, will the Government be pleased to state whether the present amount calculated as income from the Kodayar Works can in the circumstances be deemed to be correct?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Government recognise that the capital account of the Kodayar Project should get full credit for the value of the lands sold, but the difficulty in making the adjustment lies in ascertaining the value which the lands will fetch in auction. To this extent, the income of the Project as now shown cannot be deemed to be strictly correct. With a view to remedy this, Government have ordered that tank-bed lands should not be registered on concessional terms hereafter.

Maistries in the Public Works Department.

88. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the present total number of maistries on the temporary staff of the Public Works Department?

(*b*) What is the work of these maistries?

(*c*) Do the Government propose to make them permanent employees?

(*d*) If not, will they be pleased to state the reasons for not doing so?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The number of Maistries employed on the 1st Karkatakam 1100 is 757.

(*b*) Petty supervision of works and accounting of labour and stores.

(*c*) & (*d*) The question has not come up to Government and they have not considered it.

Purchase of Cement for the use of the Public Works Department.

89. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) the quantity of cement purchased for the use of the Public Works Department in the year 1100 ;

(ii) the firms from which the cement was purchased ;

(iii) the quantity bought from each firm and the dates;

(iv) the price at which the supply was made by each firm ;

(v) whether the purchase made from each firm was in accordance with the rules prescribed in No. Fl. 2083, dated 16-12-1921 ;

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